

## CLAIMS

The invention is claimed as follows:

- 5           1.     A gaming device comprising:  
          a base game operable upon a wager;  
          a triggering event associated with the base game;  
          a bonus game operable upon the occurrence of the triggering  
event, said bonus game including a plurality of selections, said  
10    selections including one eliminator selection and at least three other  
selections, wherein when the eliminator selection is picked, one of the  
other selections is eliminated, and the remaining selections are  
available to be subsequently picked;  
          a display device adapted to display said selections; and  
15           an outcome of the bonus game adapted to be provided to the  
player based on at least one of the selections other than the eliminator  
selection.
- 20           2.     The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a plurality  
of outcomes, wherein one of said outcomes is associated with each of  
the other selections.
3.     The gaming device of Claim 2, wherein the outcomes  
include a plurality of awards, wherein one of said awards is associated  
25    with each of the other selections.
4.     The gaming device of Claim 2, wherein the eliminated  
selection has the lowest one of the awards.
- 30           5.     The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the other  
selections includes at least four other selections, and when the  
eliminator selection is picked, two of the other selections are  
eliminated.

6. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein when the eliminator selection is picked, all but at least two of the remaining selections are eliminated.

5           7. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the outcomes associated with the eliminated selections include least desirable outcomes.

10           8. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the selections are player selectable, and which includes at least one input device which enables the player to pick the selections.

15           9. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the number of eliminated selections is based on the total number of selections and the number of eliminator selections.

20           10. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a bonus round wherein the bonus game is one of a plurality of bonus games, and wherein the outcomes associated with the selections include advances accumulated in the bonus round.

25           11. The gaming device of Claim 10, which includes a designated award adapted to be provided to the player if the player accumulates a designated number of advances in the bonus round.

12. A gaming device comprising:

a game operable upon the occurrence of the triggering event,  
said game including a plurality of player selectable selections, said  
selection including one eliminator selection and at least three other  
5 selections, wherein when a player picks the eliminator selection, one of  
the other selections is eliminated, and the player is enabled to pick at  
least one of the remaining selections available to be picked;

at least one input device adapted to enable the player to pick the  
selections;

10 a display device adapted to display said selections; and

a plurality of outcomes, each outcome associated with one of  
the other selections other than the eliminator selection, wherein the  
outcome associated with the picked selection other than the eliminator  
selection is adapted to be provided to the player.

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13. The gaming device of Claim 12, wherein the outcomes  
include a plurality of awards, wherein one of said awards is associated  
with each of the other selections.

20 14. The gaming device of Claim 12, wherein the eliminated  
selection has the lowest one of the awards.

15. The gaming device of Claim 12, wherein the number of  
eliminated selections is based on the number of selections.

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16. The gaming device of Claim 12, wherein the outcomes  
associated with the selections include advances accumulated in the  
game.

30 17. The gaming device of Claim 12, which includes a  
designated award adapted to be provided to the player if the player  
accumulates a designated number of advances in the game.

18. The gaming device of Claim 12, wherein the game is one of a plurality of games, and includes a designated award adapted to be provided to the player if the player accumulates a designated number of advances in the games.

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19. A gaming device comprising:

a game including at least one eliminator selection and at least three non-eliminator selections, wherein when the eliminator selection is picked, one of the other selections is eliminated, and the remaining  
10 selections are available to be picked

at least one advancement associated with at least one of the non-eliminator selections, wherein said advancement is accumulated if said non-eliminator selection is picked;

a display device adapted to display said selections and  
15 advancements; and

an award adapted to be provided to the player based on the accumulated number of advancements.

20 20. The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein the award is provided to the player if a predetermined number of advancements are accumulated.

21. A method of operating a gaming device including a game  
25 operable upon a wager, said method comprising:

(a) displaying a plurality of selections;

(b) enabling a player to pick one of said selections;

(c) if the player picks an eliminator selection, eliminating at least one of the other selections from  
30 subsequently being picked, and enabling the player to pick one of the remaining selections; and

(d) providing an outcome to the player based on the player picked non-eliminator selection.

22. The method of Claim 21, wherein the outcome associated with the player picked non-eliminator selection includes an award.

5 23. The method of Claim 21, wherein the outcome associated with the player picked non-eliminator selection includes an advancement which is accumulated.

24. The method of Claim 21, which includes eliminating the selection having the lowest value to the player.  
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25. The method of Claim 21, wherein the steps of (a) to (d) are provided to the player through a data network.

26. The method of Claim 25, wherein the data network is an internet.  
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27. A method of operating a gaming device having a game upon a wager, said method comprising:  
20 (a) displaying a plurality of selections;  
(b) enabling a player to pick one of said selections;  
(c) if the player picks an eliminator selection, eliminating at least one of the other selections and enabling the player to pick from the remaining selections; and  
(d) providing an advance associated with the player's pick  
25 selection to said player, wherein an award is adapted to be provided to the player based on an accumulated number of advances.

28. The method of Claim 27, which includes eliminating the selections having the lowest number of advances.  
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29. The method of Claim 27, wherein the steps of (a) to (d) are provided to the player through a data network.

30. The method of Claim 29, wherein the data network is an internet.